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Among the thousands of superb young men who have given their lives, at the call of their country, there could not possibly be another exactly like *Bob Enfield*. His case is unique. I met him, strangely enough, in the seance room. He was seventeen years old, and a freshman at *Washington University*.

His aunt, *Irene Enfield Vosbrink*, who became Bobby's godmother when she was sixteen, sat next to me in one of *Myrtle Larson Brown's* unfoldment classes. The *Enfield* family were *Episcopalians*. None of the others had wandered from the fold. Bob was troubled. He talked to his rector about it, but got no satisfaction.

"If it were my other nephew, I'd laugh him out of it," Irene said to me, *"however, Bert wouldn't worry about my soul's salvation. He's interested in athletics."*

Not a Recluse

Then Mrs. Vosbrink told me the story of the most beautiful and talented boy it has yet been my privilege to know. At the age of nine, he asked for a private interview with the *Rector of Holy Communion Church*.

He wanted to devote his life to the ministry. He must plan far ahead, so that he would not be a burden to his parents. *Dr. W. W. S. Hohenschild*, who is at once a *Prince of Good Fellows* and a veritable *Father of his Flock*, kept Bobby's secret; but the door of his study was always open.

With a passion for study, for music and the growing of roses, *Bob Enfield* did not become a recluse. He took top rating in Boy Scout work, and gloried in his brother's track honors. At sixteen he went from the *Blewett High School* to *Washington University*, on a scholarship for exceptional merit.

Remember the Roses

In his leisure, he read the books *Dr. Hohenschild* recommended. Meanwhile he had learned to play the pipe organ, bought an old instrument and installed it in his home. There were always roses in the two bud vases when he practiced. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT.

When the congregation of *Holy Communion* moved to a new church in the fashionable West End, he appealed to the *Council of the Diocese* to retain the old building, now almost in the slums.

Here he conducted early Sunday morning services, for the poor

SHE WAS THE MEDIUM

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Myrtle Larson Brown
"Sunnycrest"
Kirkwood (22) *Missouri*

parisioners who could not take the long ride and wear the clothes expected of them. He organized a choir and trained it. Persons of other denominations, or with no religious affiliation, swelled the number to two or three hundred.

Didn't Want to Kill

Once he said to his mother, who worried because he worked so hard:

"Never mind, mom, you'll live to see the day when I pack the old church."

The taxing of his faith came when, directly after his eighteenth birthday, he was called for military service. *"I don't want to kill anybody,"* he protested. *"I have studied history, and wars never help. They only make matters worse than they were before. When my number comes up I'll go. But I would rather be killed myself than to know I had taken another person's life."*

With this prospect before him, *Bobby* began to worry about *Aunt Irene's* religion. She seldom went to church, and never to communion. Finally she made a bargain with him. *"If you'll go to a seance with me I'll go to communion with you."*

Irene's guide and constant spirit companion is her elder sister, *Goldie*, who died of tuberculosis before she was twenty. She always comes in a fleecy golden cloud. Bobby knew all about this, and to him it was beautiful, although he was not sure that communication with the so-called dead was right.

Is God in Your Heart?

Myrtle (the medium) chose him to sit with her in battery. *Irene* and I were so close, we could see and hear all that was taking place. Presently he had hands caressing his cheeks and a golden cloud enveloped him and Myrtle. After a moment he gained possession of his voice and he asked seriously:

"Aunt Goldie, will you tell me what is right? I don't want to make any mistakes I can help. If I have to go to war, and am in places where there is no Episcopalian Church, should I go to a Catholic or a Lutheran or some other denomination?"

"Bobby dear, the church has nothing to do with it. You have God in your own heart, and wherever you go and whatever you do, I will always be with you. When the time comes, you will go to the Seminary and take holy orders, far greater than you dream of. Your mission is saving souls."

We heard him murmur fervently, *"Thank you, now I am not afraid of anything."*

The call came much sooner than any of us expected. Some of those who loved the boy and felt he was too fine for the horrors of war, sought to have him deferred, at least until he could finish his college course.

Served in Medical Corps

He would not take refuge behind the screen of conscientious objector; but he did not enlist, with the hope of getting a soft berth, as many of his friends did. He took what was offered him, volunteering for service in the medical corps, because there he felt he could he of some real benefit.

At *Fort Sam Houston*, where he finished his technical training on

THOUGH KILLED IN ACTION, HIS LIFE OF SERVICE CONTINUES IN THE SPIRIT WORLD.

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Pfc. Robert Lee Enfield
His mother, Mrs. R. P. Enfield, resides at 3008 *Arlington, St. Louis* (20) *Missouri.*

the 9th of August, 1944, his rating placed him in charge of a squad of a hundred men, most of them much older than he. Because he was handsome and amiable, could play several intruments and lead in corps singing, he found himself overwhelmed with friends. I have read the letters they sent to his parents, and they are heartbreaking.

In Six Major Battles

One of the messmates who came under the spell of his charming personality and went through six major battles with him was an American-born Chinese, *Wesley Y. Chow*. From the day the *USS General Bliss* docked at *LeHavre, France*, on the 6th of February, 1945, to the end, *Chow* never left him.

They were together at *Germersheim*, on the 24th of March, at *Budingen* on the 2nd of April, at *Beyreuth* on the 16th of the month, at *Pegnitzon* on the 19th, and crossed the *Danube* in assault boats on the 26th.

Here at home we followed the course of the *Fifth Infantry*, the

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Thanksgiving

Its Significance

Is not silent thankfulness greater than loud praise?

By Dortch Campbell

Among primitive peoples, extant in the times of the prophets of *Israel* and extending down to *Jesus'* day, there was a beautiful symbolism that the abode of the *Most High* was in the mountain. *"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?"* cried the prophet.

Moses went up on *Mount Sinai* to communie with *God*, and *Jesus* went frequently into the mountain apart to pray. But we do not have to go to *Mount Sinai* to commune with *God*, *"neither in this mountain,"* according to *Jesus*, but we can lift up our eyes unto the hills in thankfulness and in this act and attitude we shall find the holy tabernacles.

Not since the beginning of American times has there been an era such as this calling for thankfulness and praise. Far-called the navies melt away and on dune and headland sink the fires of war and just beyond, a few years beyond, lie happiness and peace and prosperity and well-being for the human race.

Jesus Knew Reality

We are at the beginning, the very beginning, of that which in some measure will resemble the millenium. Let us open the windows of the imagination and let God shine through. Let us be thankful of the blessings that have been, that are and are yet to come. Let us offer praise.

The *Master* converted everything he contacted into love and beauty. He was in constant praise and thankfulness. Consequently, everything he touched turned to love and beauty. Thankfulness is a discovery that ranks with those of *Newton's* and *Watt's* and the *Wright Brothers'*.

Jesus looked at *Reality* through the lens of praise and thankfulness. Can you by imagination do this? Then you can change your world over night and go on to greater worlds to conquer.

Silent thankfulness is greater than loud praise. You get something strong with power when you are silently thankful. Silent thankfulness of and by itself can heal many wounds, solve many problems, restore the broken parts of one's life.

Purpose of Trouble

You should not talk about your troubles. You should not tell even yourself that you are in trouble. Just look steadfastly through appearances at love and beauty like the Christ and be thankful. The Master saw no unhappiness. He looked through trouble at beauty and joy.

Did I ever tell you about *Catherine* who was down in the depth of sorrow? I moralized a bit when she counted her troubles instead

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"DEAD" AVIATOR SPEAKS!

Material for this article was obtained by Captain Simmons during a series of direct voice sittings with Rev. Florence S. Becker, Pastor of The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, 240 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, California.

Rev. Becker demonstrated clairvoyance at the recent annual convention of The National Spiritualist Association at The Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. She is recognized as one of America's foremost mediums.

Flak-riddled Aviator tells how it feels to die and communicate with those on the earth-plane.

BY
CAPTAIN VIRGIL SIMMONS

All persons who are forced by wartime duty or circumstances of an individual nature, and this includes most of us, will share with me the great joy and privilege of three weeks leave spent back home.

Spiritualists, perhaps more than any other group, place exceptional value upon such home coming for it includes the usual delights of again mingling with friends and relatives and in addition provides for the renewing of direct contact with guides, relatives and friends of the Spirit World.

Naturally I refer to my recent trip to San Francisco and the public and private seances, which it was my great pleasure and privilege to attend, conducted by Rev. Florence S. Becker and held in the sacred precincts of her seance room, which I have previously described in detail in these columns.

Precision Pilot Training

Doing my bit in training pilots in the precision techniques of both war and peace, so that our great air fleets may merge winged victory with that of peaceful flight, has kept me travelling for many years. Consequently my home coming was that much dearer.

The regular services of my home church, the splendidly conducted lyceum and building fund meetings, the Sunday night services, where the beloved voice of the Pastor brings the message of TRUTH and PROOF of IMMORTALITY to all who will listen, the direct voice seances—all this makes this weary traveller wish in his heart that he could return home to stay and partake of these manifold blessings from on high; to sit again, as of old, at the *Masters' Table.*

HE TALKS TO "DEAD" AVIATOR

Psychic Observer
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One remarkable statement, a gem of *Divine Wisdom*, that fell from the lips of our Pastor during a recent Sunday night service, has so inspired me and changed my thinking on a basic principle of philosophy that I feel impressed to pass it along at this time. Rev. Becker said she would give her listeners a *Magic Key* that would unlock untold possibilities, in all ways of life, to those who learned to apply it.

It consists of the dynamic statement, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within—*your consciousness.*" We must think not only of the words but of the meaning of words. There are those that have been affirming only that *"The Kingdom of Heaven is within."* This false ego and pseudo inspiration lulls us into lazy satisfaction—in short by so doing we are not dealing with the TRUTH.

No wonder we don't progress as we should. Now let's read Rev. Becker's complete statement again and let the real meaning permeate the very texture of our Souls until that still, small voice at the *Center of Being* reveals it's *Identity.*

Proof of Survival

Certain happenings and recorded conversations which took place during the seances, at Rev. Becker's home, stand out prominently.

The principal instances are concerned with conversations which I had with two different spirits during a public seance. In each case the message given by the spirit constitutes incontestable proof of individual survival after the change called death and the possibility of spirit return and physical manifestation under proper conditions..

Earlier in the day, prior to the seance in question, while sitting alone in my hotel room, I decided to contact by phone three good friends of mine, all members of an honored family in San Francisco.

I copied their names and listed the phone numbers from the City Directory in the following order: (1) the oldest living son (2) his wife (3) the son's oldest sister. The listing on my piece of paper was in that EXACT order. Well, about 45 minutes after the seance had started, that evening, the spirit of an elder brother of the family, who had passed on many years ago, tapped my knee with the trumpet, announced his full name and said, *'well, Virgil, I have a little test for you tonight. I was standing beside your chair this morning when you listed the names of my dear ones on the earth plane and in order that you may know I speak the truth, you wrote down the name of my brother first, his wife next and our oldest sister last."*

A Test Message

I had not, as yet, called the respective persons on the phone and no physical eyes other than mine had seen the list. Now, when a spirit tells me that he was there with me and gives the *exact order* in which I wrote the names down, I not only believe but I KNOW I am face to face with TRUTH.

Many excellent messages were received by other sitters when again a clear spirit voice near me spoke through the trumpet*"hello, Virgil, this is Johnny Jones. I know you remember how we used to talk about survival and Spiritualism as we waited our turn out on the runway, during night flying at BFTS No. 3."*

REV. BECKER

"Yes, Jonesy," I replied quickly, "I remember it all very clearly and you were my best student."

The trumpet came closer, *"Well, I learned a lot from you besides flying, all of which I deeply appreciate. And, say, do you remember that night about a week before I got my wings, I failed to show up for flying?"*

I answered that I did. *"Well,"* he went on clearly, *"I went over to Joplin with a few of the boys."* I noted this statement as perfect evidence of individual survival and spirit return, since no person present living in a physical body knew all of the detailed facts as presented except myself.

Let the Scoffer Sneer

The spirit voice of *Johnny Jones* then gathered additional strength from the abundance of physical and psychic power evidenced at all of Rev. Becker's seances, and continued, *"I got mine while flying a Lancaster over the Channel Coast, after my 59th mission. We were getting heavy flak when suddenly a brilliant light momentarily blinded me, then, just an instant later, it seemed, I was floating, suspended, from my parachute. But, glancing around me, I realized the shroud lines were of pure silver and I was ASCENDING instead of DESCENDING. A few moments later my feet touched grassy soil and as I loosened my harness I saw all around me beloved ones whom I recognized as having preceded me into the beyond. Almost in a flash, Virgil, I saw the TRUTH of all you had been telling me, night after night, as we flew around in the blackness at Miami, Oklahoma.*

"So, with willing acceptance in my heart and a smile of gratitude on my lips, I entwined my arms around my beloved spirit kinsmen and moved forward, with them, to my home in Spirit Land."

Yea, verily — while the scoffer sneers and the pseudo-scientist devises the most fantastic apparatus for testing mediums, in order to eventually determine if man really survives death and can return to communicate with the children of earth, the humble believer receives and gratefully accepts the undeniable proof showered upon him.

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It would appear from my research, moreover, that my discoveries apply not only to the troubles that I have already mentioned (and with which I have had personal experience), but also **they apply in great measure to most other troubles** —such as appendicitis, asthma, cataracts, stomach ulcers, diabetes, arthritis or rheumatism, headaches, feelings of fear and insecurity, cancer, tuberculosis, and even stuttering.

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THORNE VINDICATED

Spiritualist Wins In Court Another Victory In N.Y.C.

General Assembly of Spiritualists Score Again

By PAUL R. LOMAXE

The splendid victory of the General Assembly of Spirituatlists in the recent case of *People vs. Caroline B. Strong*, which was reported at length in the *Psychic Observer* for September 25, 1945, has already borne fruit.

In that case Rev. Strong, pastor of the Third Spiritualist Church of New York City, was convicted of the crime of *pretending to tell fortunes* under the archaic statute known as Subdivision 3 of Section 899 of the New York Code of Criminal Procedure.

She appealed, but her conviction was *unanimously* affirmed by the Appelate Part of the Court of Special Sessions.

At this point, the General Assembly of Spiritualists retained counsel and appealed to the highest court in the state—the *Court of Appeals*. That court *unanimously* reversed the judgment of conviction against her. (294 N. Y. 930).

Hood's Brilliant Defense

This was a precedent-making decision because it was the first time, since a statute of this nature was enacted in 1788, that a case had been taken to the Court of Appeals, the court of last resort.

Since the Court of Appeals did not write an extended opinion, but merely wrote a memorandum decision to the effect that the evidence in that case did not justify conviction, speculation arose as to how far the lower courts would follow that decision as a precedent.

Some light on this question was had when another case was tried recently. The case was that of *Rev. Edward Lester Thorne*, Pastor of United Spiritualists' Church, 257 Columbus Avenue, New York. He was arrested under the same statute, accused of *pretending to tell fortunes* at a message service at his Church.

His case went to trial at the City Magistrate's Court, Washington Heights District, Borough of Manhattan, before City Magistrate *Leonard McGee*, sitting without a jury, on September 21, 1945, when some witnesses were heard.

FOUND "NOT GUILTY"

Psychic Observer
REV. EDWARD LESTER THORNE

John Wilson Hood, Esq., 261 Broadway, New York City, attorney for Rev. Thorne, called the Magistrate's attention to the fact that the *Court of Appeals* had recently rendered a precedent-making decision on the same subject by reversing the conviction of *Rev. Strong*.

Rev. Thorne's counsel supplied the Magistrate with a printed copy of the Record on Appeal (which includes the testimony of witnesses) and the Briefs on the Law in the case of *Rev. Strong*. The Magistrate then adjourned the Thorne case one week in order that he might have time to study these voluminous Briefs and Record.

Thorne's Accurate Messages

The following week, the Thorne case was resumed and the remaining witnesses were heard. It was shown that the Church was in sound financial condition, and that the Pastor's only income from the services was his salary. Well educated witnesses testified that they attended the services regularly, and derived help and comfort from Rev. Thorne's accurate messages. The method of applying for and giving messages through paper ballots was shown to be the same as in the Strong case.

At the conclusion of the case, the Magistrate stated from the bench that he thought that the Thorne case was similar to the Strong case; and he intimated pretty plainly that he intended to acquit *Rev. Thorne* unless counsel could persuade him to the contrary. He then gave both sides time to file briefs.

On October 9th he decided the case from the bench and at the same time rendered the following oral opinion:

THE COURT: "The defendant is charged with being a disorderly person, in violation of Sec. 899, subd. 3, of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Lehman's Opinion

"This case, after a number of adjournments, came on for trial on Sept. 21, 1945, before me in the Washington Heights District Court. The case was continued until Sept. 26 when further testimony was taken. It was then adjourned, at the conclusion of the entire case, for the purpose of giving both counsel, for the Police Department and for the defendant, an opportunity to present a memorandum of law relative to the motion made by counsel for the defendant for a dismissal of the complaint on the ground that the People had failed to establish beyond a reasonable doubt the guilt of the defendant. The memoranda have now been served and are in the possession of the Court.

"My recollection is that when the motion was made for a dismissal of the complaint, one of the points I then made was for the People in their memorandum, if they could, (to) set forth wherein this case was different on the facts from the case recently decided in the Court of Appeals by the late *Justice Lehman* in re *People v. Caroline B. Strong*. I have had an opportunity of reading in full the testimony of the case against *Caroline B. Strong*, in which an appeal was taken from an opinion rendered by *Magistrate Strong*. *Magistrate Strong* had convicted the defendant *Caroline B. Strong* and from that conviction an appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals.

"After argument before the Court of Appeals, an opinion was written by the late *Justice Lehman*, reversing the decision rendered by *Magistrate Strong*, on the ground that the people failed to establish beyond a reasonable doubt the guilt of defendant. I might mention, in passing, that the decision was silent, as I recall, on the question of civil rights and I think the only question upon which the court proceeded was that of reasonable doubt. Is that correct?"

MR. HOOD: "That is correct."

THE COURT: "My recollection of the testimony in the particular case now before the court—and from my recollection of the facts which I have read just recently in the case against *Caroline Strong*—it is my opinion the case here against the defendant Thorne is more in his favor than were the facts in the case against *Caroline B. Strong*. I am dealing now with the question of fact, having in mind this question of religious freedom which is being so freely discussed today, even by our Mayor (*La Guardia*) last Sunday over the radio.

"I am satisfied from all the proof produced against this defendant Thorne, and more particularly in view of the decision of Justice Lehman of the Court of Appeals, in *People v. Caroline B. Strong*, that it is not necessary for me to write an elaborate opinion. I am satisfied that the motion made by counsel for the defendant for a dismissal of the complaint on the ground that the People have failed to establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt should be granted.

"I am granting the motion to dismiss the complaint and I dismiss the complaint. I find the defendant Not Guilty and discharge him (*See opinion of Justice Lehman of the Court of Appeals, in the case of People v. Caroline B. Strong.*)"

This decision by *Magistrate McGee*, following the Court of Appeals decision, is a hopeful sign that other lower courts will take the same attitude and thus make it impossible for public authorities to continue to interfere with the *belief, practices or usages* of incorporated ecclesiastical governing bodies of the Spiritualist faith and the duly licensed teachers or ministers thereof acting in good faith and without personal fee.

N. S. A. Convention Reports

Barnes, Reichel, Burroughs Elected

1946 *Convention To Be Held at Seattle, Washington*

Seattle, Washington, was chosen as headquarters for the next (54th) annual convention of The *National Spiritualist Association* and Dr. Victoria *Barnes*, Hugh Gordon *Burroughs* and Emil C. *Reichel* were re-elected as trustees for three years. These decisions were made at the 53rd annual convention of The National Spiritualist Association which closed October 27th at The Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. The convention, officially welcomed by Mayor James Rhodes of Columbus, covered a period of six days, with business sessions every morning and afternoon. Services, open to the public, were held in the ballroom of the hotel every evening during the convention.

Listed on the official evening programs were the following speakers and mediums: H. G. *Burroughs*, Leona B. *Kelso*, Maude *Kline*, William Elliott *Hammond*, Martha *Haupt*, Florence *Becker*, Dr. Victoria *Barnes*, Mary C. *Skillman*, T. John *Kelly*, Betty Crews *Brown*, Anna K. *Rose*, Teresa Rene *Hayden*, Mabel *Barnes*, Melvina *Hostak*, Raymond *Cudney* and Emma *Ordrop*.

Fraternal Delegates

Delegates from 33 states were seated at the convention business sessions after presenting their credentials to a committee headed by Arthur *Myers* of Lily Dale, N. Y. The editors of *Psychic Observer* were seated as fraternal delegates.

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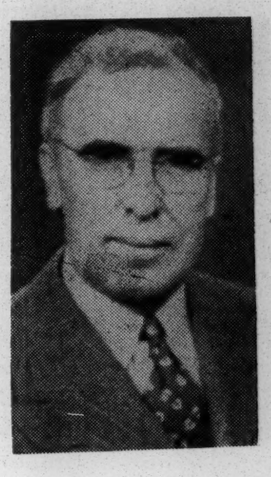

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The Return of ROBERT ENFIELD

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Seventy-first Division, with breathless anxiety. On the night after the terrible battle on the banks of the Danube, *Irene* and I were in class. *Goldie* reported that all was well. *Bob*, she told us, because he could manage fairly well with *French*, spoke *German* fluently, and in extremity would hunt up the priest in the village and converse with him in *Latin*, was the most popular boy in the army.

Two weeks from that night *Goldie* did not report. Irene's father-in-law tried to explain that she was occupied — *"could not come to us—was taking care of—"* There the connection was broken.

. . . And He Volunteered

We felt something was wrong, but Dr. Parker (Myrtle's spirit collaborator) gave us no opportunity to ask questions. That was the 11th of May, and the war in Europe had come to an abrupt end. Our class period, too, was nearing its close. There would be but one more meeting, on the 25th. In the interim the telegram came:

"Robert Lee Enfield was killed in action at Steyr, Austria, on Sunday, the 6th of May." This was two days before the armistice.

I did what I could to comfort the stricken family. It was hard sledding. The whole business looked like a grotesque mistake. The division had traveled 892 miles, and had met the *Russians* on the *Ennes River*. In ten major and minor battles only 54 Americans were killed. Two of them were *Bob Enfield* and *Wesley Chow*.

Here is how it happened. German collapse was at hand. An important message must be sent to another division near the *Ennes*. It should be carried by someone who understood *German*. Bob volunteered.

He was warned that it was extremely dangerous. He was not afraid. But *Chow* would not let him go alone. They made their way in safety. A needless battle, in which many lives on both sides would have been sacrifices, was averted. They were on their way back to headquarters when a sniper caught them. *But this is not the end of the story.*

He Did Not Suffer

On the 25th of May, two weeks after they had been buried side by side in the American cemetery near *Nuremberg, Bavaria*, and all the world was rejoicing because one phase of the war was over, *Robert Enfield* made his appearance in the seance room where, the previous year, he had learned to his own satisfaction that there is no death.

When he spoke he was painfully excited. *Goldie* and the other loved ones had tried to prepare him, but it was *Sunflower* (Myrtle's child guide) who put him at his ease as he cried out: *"Aunt Irene, it's true I'm not dead. Can't you see me? I'm here."*

"Bobby darling, I want to know only one thing. Did you suffer?"

Why no, I didn't get a chance. Something bumped my head—and the next moment I was looking down at myself, lying on the ground. Chow was beside me. I'm glad you brought me here that time. It made all of this affair so much easier. Aunt Goldie never left me. She wants you to explain to my mother. I'm glad it's over."

Nor is this the end of the story. On the 3rd of June, at the old *Holy Communion Church*, on *Washington Avenue* in *St. Louis*, *Dr. Hohenshild* conducted a memorial service for the only soldier among the eighty from his congregation who had died.

The auditorium was filled to capacity, the altar and choir were banked with flowers. Late comers thronged the aisles, others crowded at the windows. Bob had made good his promise to his mother. He had *"packed the old church."*

A few days later I called *Iona Brandt*, one of the finest materializing mediums who has as yet come out from *Myrtle Larson Brown's* unfoldment classes. I did not tell her what was in my heart, but only that the need was very great.

Bob had intimated to me his desire. He wanted to prove that he was very much alive. I assembled a group of ten earnest men and women, most of whom had never experienced a materialization. *Henry* and *Irene Vosbrink* were in the number.

After most of us had been served, *Rose Marie*, Mrs. Brandt's spirit helper, asked to have the ruby light turned off. In a moment there appeared in front of the cabinet a tall figure robed in black. Before it we beheld a phosphorescent cross, *six feet high.*

Not in Uniform

It was so brilliant, one could see the shadowy form behind it. When it faded, the light was again turned on, and Bob Enfield stood there clad in the habiliments of his chosen profession. To his uncle and aunt he explained:

"I didn't come here in uniform. I never wanted to be a soldier. But I have another reason. I shall go to the Seminary, a much greater one than that in New York, where I expected to finish my education. There is no such thing as finishing an education. For the present, Chow and I are taking care of hundreds of boys who think they are dead, AND KNOW THEY ARE STILL ALIVE. It's awful for some of them."

I had risen from my chair and stood behind Irene and her husband. To my astonishment, Bob addressed me: *"Mrs. Hutchings, I want to thank you for making this possible. We give the boys your book, 'Where Do We Go From Here?' (*) to read. It helps them. Now I am going to try to bring a different kind of proof. Do you know about apports?"*

He Brought an Apport

"Yes, Bob, could you bring us one? It would be wonderful."

At this, Rose Marie took over. She brought in Henry's father and grandfather, and we were asked to sing two stanzas of *"In the Garden."* When we had finished, Bob reappeared. He was breathless and triumphant. *"I made it,"* he cried. *"Aunt Irene, hold out your hands, a little way apart. But first I'll tell you where I have been.*

"Since I left here, maybe ten minutes ago, I have crossed the ocean. I did it in less time than it took the crowded old SS Bliss—and much more comfort. Gee, it's great, traveling this way. I knew where I was going, and there were no detours. After I got started it never occurred to me that I might not get back."

His Chinese Pal

"Where have you been, Bob," his uncle asked. *"Don't keep us in suspense."*

"I'll cut it short. You don't know it, but people who have been killed just can't keep away from their bodies. Chow and I, along with some of the others who understand these matters, pull them away from their graves and get them interested in another kind of life. That's how I happened to notice a rose bush growing not far from where I was buried.

They Had No Thorns!

"There aren't many flowers, or anything else left in Germany. All that was beautiful has been destroyed. The frightful bombings and the poison gas have all but shriveled the ground vegetation. But this red rose kept on growing—for me. I didn't take a knife with me. Somehow it wasn't needed. I have brought you two buds. Don't put the long stems in water. Lay them in a box and keep them away from the light. They will last for years. I want my mother to have one. When you examine them, you will notice that there is a difference between these Bavarian roses and all the other roses you have ever handled. I won't tell you what it is. Now I must go; but I can always come when you call me."

When the materialization was ended, we went into the adjoining room and examined the two dark red buds, with their *fourteen-inch stems* and their pitiful green but shriveled leaves. To our amazement we discovered that *they had no thorns.*

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AUTHOR'S NOTE

This case, with its cross-reference, would have delighted DR. HERVEY HYSLOP. Bob gave practically the same message, first through MYRTLE and afterward through IONA BRANDT. That materialization was absolutely the most amazing thing I have ever experienced. I had space, naturally, to mention only Bob's part in it. I had experienced apports before, but nothing as spectacular as this. Irene has the roses, and now after three months they are still deep red, and almost unchanged. She uses them during her meditation, but always in the dark. (E.G.H.)

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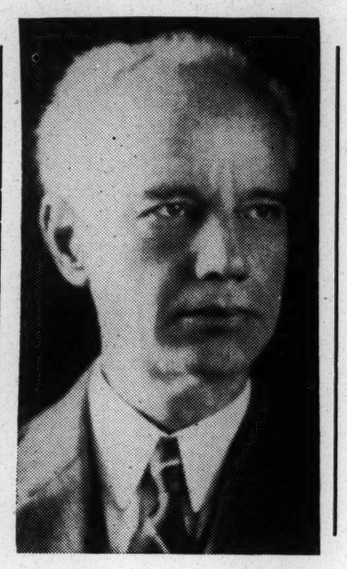

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LET'S BE THANKFUL

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of blessings one by one. "*You do not understand,*" she fumed. "*My troubles are not imaginary but real. Relatives hate me; I haven't got any friends; I am in wretched health. I am about to lose my job, my husband and my home. Can you imagine anybody in a worse fix?*"

It was easy to see that her cup of bitterness was full and running over. Troubles always seem more real than blessings. We never thank God for good fortune, but we never cease to think of trouble and squirm as a result of it.

Universal Panacea

But not so long ago I heard from *Catherine*, who said in substance: "*I have made a great discovery, which is that thankfulness is a sovereign remedy for life's ills — a sort of universal panacea. Remember our talk in the long ago when you said that perhaps thankdulness is creative? Well, it is and I know that it is because it worked for me. When conditions get unbearable I turn on thankfulness. Now I have warm friends, my relatives love me, I am in good health, my husband has got a job and the home is paid for.*"

Perhaps that panacea will not work for you, but it certainly has worked for *Catherine*. And I am quite positive that the technique she used was to ignore her troubles so completely that they got tired of being snubbed and deserted her for other persons who would fondle them.

Mount Thankfulness

You will, of course, say that probably *Catherine* was not as bad off as she thought she was; that she exaggerated her troubles, but don't we all? Nothing is ever quite as bad as we think it is. But there is something else in this than simply ignoring trouble and that is that when you glorify life you begin the ascent of the mount that leads to *God*.

Too many persons try to find happiness in the way that leads to Mount Diabolo. But happiness is not there; it is despair. You must go up the beautiful *Mount Thankfulness*.

Thankfulness in some mysterious and magic manner shifts the focus of attention. Attention is really the mystical process of attaining power. Concentration is only fixed attention. All kinds of things both good and bad swarm unseen in one's environment like music that the musical composer, the artist or other darlings of the gods reach for.

Emotional Reaction

There is music and beauty and love in every environment. Fix your attention on those things. You get that on which the attention is fixed. Are you looking for this beauty? This music? Or is it trouble? Is it loneliness and despair? Keep in mind that you can create beauty as well as the genius of music or art.

After all, it is not that which happens that does greatest harm to the individual, but that which wracks your soul is your emotional reaction to that which happens. You can get rid of any sort of trouble by permitting it to pass through you with thankfulness. Misbegotten afflictions drop from you when you refuse to consider them.

Really, it is your attention that gives trouble its vitality and power. Let that attention be placed on that which is right and majestic and you will arise from the tomb of earth-life.

What Emerson Knew

Too many persons are afflicted with tuberculosis of the soul. They think *God* and *Nature* have dealt unjustly with them. They are injured and aggrieved actually because *God* has granted them the greatest privilege that he could bestow — *continuity of life.*

Think of it! God made each of us deathless! The greatest possible gift! Yet because God withholds a toy which if possessed would not make for happiness there are those who lament. But for everything you have missed, you have gained something, observes *Emerson.*

There are always leveling circumstances that puts down the strong, the rich, the fortunate and elevates the humble, giving all substantially the same ground to stand on. This being true—and it is true—why fear? Why worry? Why pity yourself? As a matter of fact, you ought to offer your praises to God because you are and there is not another creature in all this universe like you.

The *Christ* gave the universal remedy for psychological tuberculosis, and in those days even before the *Christ*, came *John the Baptist*, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. The word "*repent*" is interpreted from a Greek word, which means "*turn squarely around.*"

"Blessed Are They . . ."

Thus it is plain that The *Christ* said, "*Turn squarely around and be thankful because the kingdom of heaven is at hand. All you need do is see through trouble into the realm of beauty and happiness.*"

Look back over your life at the thousand difficulties and burdens and wounds you have suffered with the eye of a seer and you will discover that a dozen blessings have blossomed from every single sorrow.

I am inclined to think, consequently, with *Emerson* that there is a silent party to all our bargains and I think it advisable that we go into partnership with this silent friend that we may really see and receive the blessings.

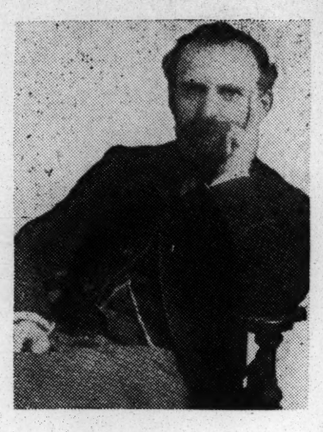
God blessed you with the imagination to see the harmonies and congruities and logical relationships in this world. Mount to the summit of that *Eminence* called *Thanksgiving*. You have failed in your efforts to convert others, even the members of your own household, to the beauty, the love and the promise to be found in Spiritualism?

Then remember that years after *Jesus* went away his heroic work brought forth fruit in the lives of many of the younger *Pharisees*, for it is written in the Book of Acts that some influential posts were held in the *Apostolic* church by men who had formerly been *Pharisees*. You can not move on to the Mount of Thankfulness without taking others with you. If you are really the children of God and not of the earth your loved ones will sometime follow you up to the summit.

"*Blessed are they that mourn . . . Blessed are they which are persecuted . . . Blessed are ye when men shall revile you . . . and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.*"

Again what does The Christ say? "*Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven.*" Turn even the persecutions and revilement of men into thanksgiving and praise and you will reach the mountaintop. A beautiful vista will be yours upon the heights where storms never beat.

I think you shall be able to perceive the rainbow, which is a *spiritual symbol*, a promise of God, not a half circle but a *perfect circle* in the sky and *in your own heart.*



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Primitive Babylonians believed all disease was caused by obsession of malignant spirits who had entered the bodies of men, and so persistent was this belief that the Hebrews carried it with them out of captivity, and we find even the *Nazerene* casting devils out of patients as late as the beginning of the *New Testament.*

There were three classes of these evil spirits. First, *ghosts* of those who had died unnatural deaths or were unburied. Second, *vampires* who were half-human, half-demon. Third, *friends* who were of the same nature as the gods.

"The Tooth-ache Worm"

And it is upon this foundation, the third class of *evil spirits*, that later generations of men constructed the amazing theology of *Satan* and his cohorts.

Specific demons were thought to cause specific disease, Viz: *Ahhzu* caused liver trouble; *Ashakku*, tuberculosis; *Ti'u*, headache; *Labartu*, the death of women and children in childbirth. A tablet on record tells how a devil known as "*the toothache worm,*" received permission from the Creator to live in the teeth of men.

If the peoples of the *North* were sure that their dead heroes could help them—and the people of Egypt were sure of nothing at all — the peoples of the strange and gigantic *Euphrates Valley* were sure that the dead held nothing but malice for the living.

Extensive records are available, and nowhere in them are the dead said to bless and help men. These dead were conceived to come forth from the grave to kill and destroy. The best the people could hope for, was that they would remain tranquil—*if offerings were made at their tombs.*

In company with the *Egyptians*, the dead were supposed to live underground in the West, and there was a ferryman to take them over the expanse of water. For amongst virtually all primitive peoples, the dead were thought to have to travel over water to the other side of the world, or under the world—*which accounts for the superstition extant today that an evil spirit cannot cross water and remain malignant.*

Evil Spirits Banished

This *Sheol* where the dead were supposed to live, was a place very much like earth, but shadowy. When a man entered *Sheol*, the *Babylonians* believed it impossible for him to return to life in a physical body again — *but he could haunt the living or answer to the summons of a medium.*

For these people had their mediums who, by certain magic rites, called up the spirits of the dead. These dead were called up to answer questions often enough, but also to injure enemies. Since the dead were malevolent, what better way to injure an enemy than to sic a ghost on him!

But by far the most important office of the medium was that of exorcism. Since these spirits were the cause of all human suffering, suffering needs must end when the evil spirit was banished. The banishment process was a combination of magical formula, dependent upon the right words, and a threat to the spirit that he shall have no food or drink until he leave the body of the sufferer.

Yet, despite this morbidity, there was a brighter side to the *Babylonian* concern for the dead —*even a reaching for the height of truth.* And much of the truth, as much as the *Babylonian* could assimilate, came from his contact with the dead.

Hebrew Thought Influenced

In the *Gilgamesh Epic*, Tablet xii, col. 3, we read how one *Gilgamesh* sought the spirit of his friend *Enkidu* to learn the *Law of Earth. Gilgamesh* applied to the *God Ea*, master of the ocean and magic arts:

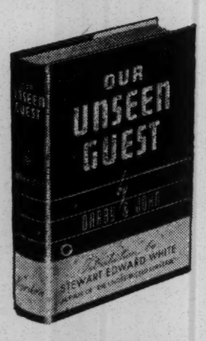
"Father Ea heard his prayer,
Spoke to the might one, the hero Nergal,
Mighty one, hero Nergal, hear his prayer!
Open at once the hole of the earth,
Let the ghost of Enkidu ascend out of the earth.
Let him tell his brother the law of the earth!
The mighty one, the hero Nergal . . .
Opened at once the hole of the earth
And the ghost of Enkidu ascended like a wind out of the earth."

Gilgamesh then says to *Enkidu,*

"Tell me, my friend, tell me, my friend,
The law of the earth that thou hast seen."

Enkidu's answer, if not the height of religious truth, was certainly as advanced as either he or *Gilgamesh* could comprehend.

Babylonian Spiritualism is important only insofar as it profoundly influenced Hebrew thought of later days — *the final culmination of which was in Christian theology.*



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WILL MAN HEED?

By
BROWN LANDONE, F.R.E.S.

In my last article, I promised I *might* write you something of the discussion of the *atomic bomb*, that early morning of August 7, 1945—when *Gord* and *Walt* were with me in my study. Remember this was the early morning two days before the second atomic bomb was dropped on *Japan*.

Responsive to the terrible *loss of life* of those days, there was a feeling of great lack of energy—real physical weakness—as well as a hush of awe and horror, when *Walter* first mentioned the *atomic bomb*.

And of course, the subject is so tremendous, that it soon passed out of our hands, for others who knew far more about it than we did, soon joined us.

There was another peculiar thing that happened during the hour we were discussing whether it would be possible for scientists *soon* to control the release of atomic energy so it could be used for the good of man, *OR* whether ambitious leaders of nations — *men not even known at this time*— might not with the aid of scientists repeat the discovery, invent an atomic bomb of their own, and put themselves up as satanic dictators of all earth!

Not Imagination

The peculiar thing that happened—as we three were talking of these possibilities—may have been due to imagination or it may have been actual. Whether one or the other, it seemed—to all three of us — that my study was filled with a dark, oppressive light, as though the current to my electric lights were at its lowest, and all was murky as in a deep London fog at noonday.

Then all at once, everything changed; there was a golden glow so bright we could scarcely see; and *Gord* exclaimed, *"Are you with me, BL? Or are we separated? Are we still in your study? It's so bright I can't see, yet!"*

"Yes, Gord, you and Walt are still with me, but—whether it's imagination or not—I'm seeing a great laboratory which I've never known before."

"The dazzling brilliance is lessening now," said *Walt, "I see it too — it IS a laboratory, miles long."*

"Yes, and I'm beginning to see it," said *Gord.*

Yes, we were *"seeing things."* It was as though we were inside a most amazing, technically up-to-date, laboratory extending for blocks! It may have been imagination, but—if it were—*all* three of us were imagining the same thing at the same time, and seeing

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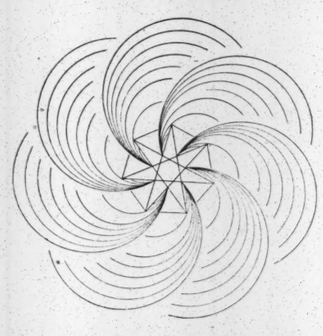

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the same tremendous machines in actual operation.

There were cyclotrons greater than any I have heard of; and many workers—perhaps a thousand—each one dressed in clothes of deep black, but with thick soft white material underneath, like white fur next to the skin.

I also felt as though I were *in* a strong electronic field of energy —much as a watch might *"feel"* when brought into the magnetic field of a large dynamo. And *Gord* and *Walt* told me afterwards that they also felt this same energy.

"I Heard a Voice"

One thing that indicates that this was not imagination, is the fact that although we seemed to be in that laboratory, I was conscious of my little dog, *Pietro*, lying on the floor stretched out—paws in front, paws behind—as *flat* as he could make himself—whining as though in great fear of something he could not get away from.

Then the scene changed a little.

The three of us seemed to be in a sort of *"observation room,"* two walls of which were made of laminated quartz crystal. And as we watched what was taking place in the laboratory, the small observation room in which we were seated became even more illumined, as with a golden glow, almost an orange tint.

I heard a voice behind me, and *Gord* and *Walt* must have heard the same voice for they turned as I did. I had heard that voice but once or twice before in my lifetime; it must have been more than fifty years ago that I had heard it in *England*. Yet instantly I knew it was the voice of Sir William Thomson — *Lord Kelvin*. I had met him only twice; I think it was in 1894 or 1895.

And there he was seated with us.

"Yes," he said, *"there is need of this golden glow—there is need of LOVE to protect us in these times of man's insanity for destruction."*

"I do remember you, Landone—for I knew quite a little about you, through one of your young friends—a young man who worked with me — young Abbott. Then later—after I passed on—I knew that you and his daughter, Margaret, had become good friends."

Uranium Atom

Then—in the midst of the awesome things we were seeing in that laboratory—*he chuckled*—*"They didn't beat him out of his rights after all—he got* $22,000,000 *for the films, didn't he?"* This brought back memories of the *Abbott* family; and as I was thinking of them, *Abbott* himself appeared and stood beside *Lord Kelvin*.

"That's old stuff—old old old" said Abbott, "It's of the past. *Sir William* and I have been working on many great secrets since then. We could not bring ourselves to work on this new release of atomic energy for destruction, but we've been watching every hour, every step of the process. What has been done is only the beginning—far more than what *Eve Curie* did in releasing electrons—it is actually splitting the proton itself — and yet it is only a minor beginning.

"Scientists today have been able to release atomic energy from one form *only* of a uranium atom. The great atomic age will come when man learns how to release and control energy—by splitting the protons of *all* kinds of atoms.

Man's Limited Knowledge

"In what has been done, there is too much heat—when the bomb was dropped day before yesterday on *Hiroshima*, even the steel in structures of buildings did *not* melt—it merely 'evaporated' because the heat was so great; and even the stone and concrete of buildings were *burned* to ashes."

"But how can such energy ever be controlled?" said *Walt* in an awed whisper.

"By love," answered *Lord Kelvin," and only by love!"*

"Man will not be allowed to learn much more, unless he learns to control this new explosive power. And if man does not learn to control it, then all but a few men will be wiped from the face of earth. But I think I feel enough love now awakening in man—real brotherhood love—so that that will not happen."

"But how can love control such a power as that of the atomic bomb?" asked *Gord, "that seems strange."*

"It is not strange at all," replied *Lord Kelvin.* "Love *is the THIRD great 'creative ray' used by God*— the ray of affinitive power—the ray that holds things together.

"The power of affinity is the power of love. They are one and the same throughout all the universe. And the holding together power *is stronger* than the the exploding power, otherwise universes and stars and cells and atoms could not have continued to exist during the eternities of the past.

"That is why I say that love is a greater power than the explosive power of the atomic bomb. In fact, the bomb's explosive power is evidence of the release of a little of the *electronic hate* of the universe. But love is infinitely stronger; it *can* control it, and it *will* control it on earth, if man learns to love a little more."

"This affinity ray or power, as you call it," said Gord, *what is it?* We've never heard of it in physics or chemistry, except by the mere mention of affinity. Yet you say it's the third great power God used in creation."

"Ask Landone," said *Sir William, "he knows that subject well, he can explain it to you."*

"Let us go," said *Abbott, "let's go to your study, BL."*

There Must Be Control

And as soon as that was said, the entire scene of the laboratory vanished, and the five of us were in my study; and there was a quiet calm in the study and a sort of blue haze hovering below the ceiling, quite the opposite of the golden orange glow that we saw in the laboratory when Sir William first appeared.

"And you did not direct any of the work of the scientists who developed the atomic bomb?" asked *Walter.*

"No," replied *Lord Kelvin*, "not directly; but I did much in *protecting* the scientists who did the work — preventing errors that might have resulted in the death of many scientists and thousands of workmen. We must protect these scientists, for they are the ones most fitted on earth at this time, to discover the means of harnessing the power."

Then he and *Abbott* stood up, and turning to *Gord* and *Walter* he said, "And you, young souls, I appoint as guardian angels to help protect all those who shall seek to learn how to control this new destructive power; I appoint you, for I,—I must be about other things I must do."

With gracious bows both *Lord Kelvin* and *Abbott* took leave of us, *not* clasping hands as *Gord* and *Walter* and I do, when parting. And how did they leave? I do not know, except it was much as a ring of smoke vanishes, or a light disappears in the distance.

"Who was Lord Kelvin?" asked *Walter* as soon as we were alone. *'What did he do? Did he develop the photographic film? He mentioned that Abbott got* $22,000,000 *for his work with films?"*

"One question at a time, *Walt; Abbott* when young was associated

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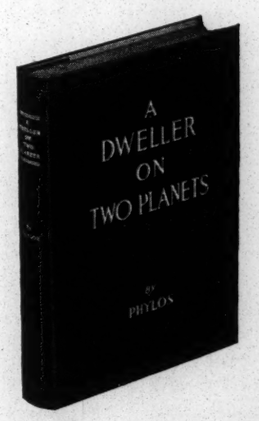

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Greater Than The Atomic Bomb

Whether you live in a physical body or in a spirit body, there's only one thing worth while—to help man to love one another a little more.

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with *Thomson*, and he conceived a number of ideas which were later worked out in discovering the process of making films; but I think *Lord Kelvin* had nothing to do with that.

"You were twenty-three when you passed on last year. I mention it only, to emphasize the genius of *Lord Kelvin*, for he was such a remarkable fellow that you should know something about him. He was Irish born — *William Thomson;* educated in England. In England, a man is usually not considered fit for a professorship until he's fifty or sixty. Yet young *William Thomson* — afterwards made *Lord Kelvin* — was elected Professor of Physics at the University of Glasgow when he was twenty-two years old! And he held that professorship for fifty-three years.

Man Must Be Constructive

"He did original work in heat and electricity; conceived some very original ideas in geology; invented several instruments that aided in investigation and study of conditions far under the surface of the sea; and took a prominent part in the laying of the first Atlantic cable. That was, when he was thirty-two. I think he was about 60 the time I met him; he must have lived until past 80; passed on I think about 1905 or 1906."

"*And why,*" asked *Gord, "did he emphasize that love can control the release of energy from the atom? That isn't clear to me.*"

"*And what did he mean,*" interrupted *Walter, "that explosive energy is hate, the opposite of love?*"

"And what of this 'affinity-ray' or power—the *third* power God used in creation? He said you could tell us about that."

"Let us not try, boys, to cover it all tonight; I'll just give you a hint of it.

"First of all, understand that *man on earth has never yet learned to use even one of the 'constructive' powers of God.*

"*EVERY energy man has learned to use on earth, IS a destructive energy*—whether sound or heat or light or electricity or x-rays or atomic rays.

What Is Affinity?

"Sound can wreck a steel bridge; heat can burn up anything on earth; electricity increased to a few thousand volts will destroy all life; even sunlight of the sun—if it should be increased just a little—would scorch everything living on earth. Even as it is, with but a little exposure, it burns your skin to a blister, unless nature put up a curtain of deep tan to prevent its deadly rays entering your body.

"Learn this first—*every* energy man has learned to use, up to this time, *is* a destructive energy!

"So it's no wonder you do not know anything about the affinitive power of God, and although you have both studied a little chemistry yet if you've ever asked a professor why two chemicals rushed together to form a new chemical you've received nothing but the trite answer—'They have an affinity for one another.'

"But such an answer does not reveal anything of the great truth of what affinity is! Yet all things of the universe are held together by affinity — that is, by love — whether chemicals, or people, or cells, or stars!

God's Inspiring Power

"You've read in the first Chapter of our Bible that God—in seven days—created the heavens and the earth and all things on earth. The *word*—translated God in that first Chapter of Genesis — *differs* from the words translated *God* in several other books of the Bible. It is a *plural* form, and means the *seven God powers!*

"The first *God-power* is the *inspiring* power of God—the power that was sent out from the God center into all space, to infuse God energy into all space, in order to activate that which *God* desired to create; the *second* day symbolizes the use of the second power—the *expanding* power of God. In the Bible it is called creating the 'firmament'—but if you look in the margin or at the bottom of the column in the Revised Version of your Bible, you will find that the word 'firmament' means *expansion.*

"So the second step of creation was the expansion of God power into all existence.

"Then on the third day, the waters began to 'draw together' and the dry land appeared. That is all things began to take *form.* That is the result of affinitive power—the power of love that draws things together and holds them together.

Live in Brotherhood

"Man on earth has reached his third day of creation. He has reached great heights and vast attainments by the inspiration he has received from God, and by expansion of his consciousness; but now if he continues to expand his powers—with no more love than he has manifested up to this time—he will not only destroy himself, but perhaps even earth itself.

"Unconsciously man is beginning to realize that there are only two choices for him now; he *must* now learn to live in brotherhood, or else destroy himself from the face of earth, because of the destructive power which his expanding mind has put into his hand, without enough love to control it."

"I'm beginning to understand; Kelvin was right," said Gord. "I will consecrate myself—as Kelvin asked me to do—to protect the scientists who are working to learn how to control this satanic power of destruction."

"This night has completely changed me," said Walt, "since that day in France when I left my physical body, I've not known quite what I should do, but now I know."

Love Solves Trouble

There was a marvelous smile on his face and on Gord's; and light in their eyes. Each extended a hand across the desk to me, and as we three clasped hands, Walter said: "*For anyone that has any intelligence or feeling higher than that of a hyena, there is but one thing worth while. Whether you're living in a physical body, or whether you're living as souls as Gord and I live — there's only one thing worth while —to help man to love one another a little more.*"

"Love would solve so many troubles," he continued; "why if Gord and I were back on earth in physical bodies, even competing with each other in business, we'd never do anything to injure each others affairs; and if we were competing with you, BL, neither one of us would do anything to hinder what you were doing, and you would do nothing to injure our affairs.

"*Just a little more love of man for man would solve all personal problems, and all problems of industry and finance, and*"—Walter's voice became very deep and rich like a prophetic voice of the ages —"*and, just a little more love would solve all problems of nations, and there would be no more war.*"

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For the past two years, Brown Landone has been writing special articles for PSYCHIC OBSERVER. Since Mr. Landone's passing October 10th, we felt this would complete the series but were mistaken. Landone's secretary sent his last article to us—it was lying on top of the great philosopher's desk—marked "For Psychic Observer". This article will appear in the next issue—the title "What Is This Thing—SPIRITUALITY."

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JENNY LIND AND THE SPIRITS

It is well known that Catherine Fox, a child of some dozen summers, is at present and has been for some time stopping in the family of Horace Greeley, in New York. When Jenny Lind heard of the remarkable manifestations heard in the presence of Katy, as she is called, she went to Mr. Greeley's to see her.

It is said that the sweet songstress had a very interesting interview with what she believed to be the spirits of departed friends, and when she left, she kissed little Katy, saying, *If it were possible for you to make these sounds, I know it is impossible for you to answer the questions I have asked this evening.*

Jenny had been conversing in her native tongue, and she was so impressed with the startling nature of the intelligence she had received, that she bade Katy good-by with eyes suffused with tears."

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In a letter, recently received from Hawaii, *Julian D. Kelly* says he has not seen a copy of the *Psychic Observer* for a long time. Mr. Kelly gives as his address—COTPD, Kewalo, Navy 48, c-o FPO, San Francisco, California. Parts of his letter are interesting for he says:

"Out here in the Western Pacific one has ample opportunity to mix with various racial groups and learn something of their religious beliefs first hand. It was a little hard at first to penetrate the barrier between the "WHITE RACE" and the "YELLOW RACE," but after these people get to know you, you are a real friend, and they are very ready to share their confidence with you.

"This probably is not news to you to know that there are a surprisingly large number of Spiritualists in these Islands. And even among the non-believers, I find them quite intelligent and informed about the subject; many people discuss Spiritualism very openly without a sign of the prejudices that characterized so many of the non-believers I have come in contact with in the States."

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Records in *Psychic Observer* office disclose the fact that there are several Psychic Research groups in [illegible] as well as societies of Spiritualists who sponsor meetings [illegible] visiting mediums. That the interest is increasing is shown by the editorial *It is belief that counts* which appeared in The Honolulu Advertiser, October 22nd, 1945. This clipped editorial accompanied by Mr. Kelly's letter and shows how close they are keeping in touch with psychic activities in the States. They are referring to the book *Across the Line* written by Anice Terhune (See Page 12, this issue)

The editorial reads as follows:

"Most humans find comfort in one form of religious teaching or another, each convinced that the particular faith to which he subscribes is the royal road to the HEREAFTER. None can quarrel with this. For, after all, they seek the same destination and the paths they choose invariably lead them through better ways of life than they would otherwise be likely to follow.

"It is difficult for most of us to conceive of a LIFE AFTER DEATH that will shackle us to the chores we have been burdened with on this Earth. Yet the widow of a noted author is finding solace in the conviction that her departed spouse is standing by to dictate to her the manuscript of books he did not find time to write while he was at her side in the flesh.

"Who is to question her belief? Certainly no man or woman of advanced years. For they can look back at the tasks left unfinished and forward to the little time in which there is to catch up with them. In so doing, they find it easy to admit that man's brief span should not necessarily be a final interruption.

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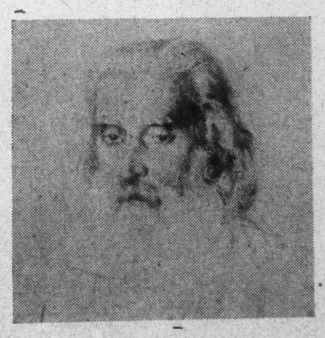

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Mrs. Anice Terhune, a handsome, white-haired woman with bright brown eyes, sat in her book-lined library and told in simple words that carried the sincerity the story of a book unusual book, *Across the Line.*

Mrs. Terhune is the widow of *Albert Payson Terhune*, beloved writer of animal stories, who passed away in 1942, and the book is a compilation from notes for an article which Mr. Terhune left when he died and of comments which, Mrs. Terhune says, he dictated to her after death. Hence the title, *Across the Line*—that line which Mrs. Terhune believes so unnecessarily divides the living from the dead.

As Mrs. Terhune tells the story, her first communication with her husband developed very simply. She had lost something. She was ransacking drawers in rooms on all four floors of her 90-year-old home, Sunnybank. (*)

Fears Public Reaction

Suddenly, Mrs. Terhune said, *he told me where to look for the object I had lost, and there is was. His voice sounded so casual and natural that I wasn't alarmed.*

Then I began wondering whether it might be hallucination. The next time I heard his voice, he asked me to take paper and pencil. This work started as simply as that. One book is being published. Another is almost finished. He tells me I'll be busy this way as long as I live.

Mrs. Terhune, whose maiden name was Anice Stockton and who is a descendant of a signer of the *Declaration of Independence*, was dressed simply in a two-piece outfit of white corded silk. Behind her chair was a wisteria-roofed veranda, and beyond that a broad stretch of lawn flecked with patches of sunlight and shade as the sun filtered through the foliage of 57 varieties of old trees. Prize-winning collies romped among the falling leaves.

Mrs. Terhune said that when the book was completed she was

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(*)Mrs. Anice (Albert Payson) Terhune, "Sunnybank," Terbune Drive, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

fearful at first of what the public might think of it.

I never had any leaning toward this sort of thing at all, Mrs. Terhune said. *I had a friend who did writing like this a few years ago. She was a lovely woman, but some who had known her for years said she had gone batty.*

I mentioned her to Bert the other day. I told him I wanted to protect his memory and I was apprehensive for fear some might say I had gone out of my mind. He replied that some will say just that when they see our book. But he reassured me that many more will believe that what I have written is true and that the book will bring comfort to thousands we never knew.

One in a Million

Mr. and Mrs. Terhune, childhood friends, had been married 41 years when Mr. Terhune died. Their marriage, Mrs. Terhune describes as *a sunny life uphill and down, one in a million.*

The good thing now, she said, *is to know that it hasn't ended, that it will never end. I haven't been lonely since the day he told me that crossing the line was like awakening to a beautiful morning.*

He tells me that what survives in the picture soul, the essential I or us, that we build in this life. He knows of no punishment for sin except that people who wronged others stand alone and are unable to advance until they shed all cruelty and hate.

It Will Never End

Mrs. Terhune, herself an accomplished musician, has signed over all royalties from *Across the Line* to three charities.

Recently he has been telling me about crowds of young lives that went over in waves during the war, she said. He described some as being shining bright with youth and liveliness and so strong is was difficult to convince them that they had left the earth life.

The first thing many want to do is to talk with sorrowing loved ones. He says they could do that if their people could hear and would believe.

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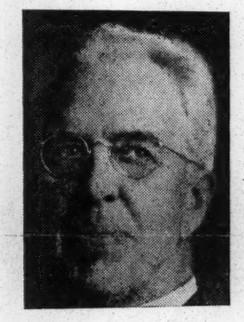

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